

IN THE JOKERS' PARADISE.

BULL'S EYE SHOTS ON THE TARGET OF HUMOR.



Bowery Tooth Artist—Anything I can do for you, my friend?

From the Chicago News. One evening down a quiet lane, I found a man sitting on a bench, looking at a picture of a woman.

The Lawyer at Home. "Amelia, be sure and put away at once everything that is of any value, because the thief who has just been acquitted on my eloquent defense is coming to-day to thank me."

A World of Wonders. "Governess—Tommy, name the 'Seven Wonders of the World.' Tommy: The pyramids, the sphinx, another pyramid, the gardens where they hanged in Babylon, my sister's hair, and myself."

Slightly Narcissistic. "Magistrate (to elderly witness)—Your age, madam? Witness—Thirty. Magistrate—Thirty what? Witness—Years. Magistrate—Thanks. I thought it might be months."

Making Himself Solid. "The wife of Politician, who has been elected senator, lets him sit at 3 o'clock in the morning. Politician—'La! he won't work. Wife—'What have you been doing all night? Politician (smiling)—'He! Making myself solid with the boys, he!'

Something of a Nomad. "Magistrate (to prisoner)—Were you born in Pennsylvania? Prisoner—Yes, sir. Magistrate—Brought up in this State? Prisoner—Yes; I have been brought up in Pennsylvania, and every other State in the Union, too."

Family Hotel Housekeeping. "Wife—I've found exactly the girl I've been looking for, but, unfortunately, I can't engage her. Husband—Why not? Wife—'She's too large for the servants' bedroom.'"

Ocular Demonstration. "Capt. A. W. Cooke, of Boston, writes to Richard R. Fox, of New York, that the champion snooker player for \$1,000 stakes or forfeit the championship, as follows: In regard to your recent snooker match, I think it is just the right thing to do. It will end the block game in pugilism."



She—You were not so dissipated before we were married. He—Indeed I was, my dear, but when anybody told you so then you wouldn't believe it.

From Oregon. "WOLF CREEK, JOHNSBORO, Ore., April 7, 1888. LEMING BROS. Dear Sirs: Having suffered with liver complaint for many years past, I have tried several remedies, and the only one which gave me perfect satisfaction was Dr. C. McCLANE'S CELEBRATED LIVER PILLS. My husband bought me one box, and three doses worked wonders for me. I feel like a new woman, and I write you to return thanks for so much benefit. I recommend all my friends to try Dr. C. McCLANE'S CELEBRATED LIVER PILLS. Mrs. REXCO GANCO."

Care sick headache, biliousness, liver complaint, constipation, indigestion, malaria, cholera, and all other ailments of the stomach and bowels, by using regularly Dr. C. McCLANE'S CELEBRATED LIVER PILLS, prepared only by Fleming Bros., Pittsburg, Pa. Price 25 cents. Sold by all druggists. Insist upon having the genuine Dr. C. McCLANE'S LIVER PILLS, prepared by Fleming Bros., Pittsburg.

Death of William Rockefeller's Mother. Mrs. Eliza D. Rockefeller, mother of William Rockefeller, of the Standard Oil Company, died at the residence of her son, 680 Fifth avenue, yesterday from general failure of the vital forces. She was seventy-five years of age. Her body will be taken to Cleveland for burial.



Founded on Whitechapel's Tragedies and Expressing the Author's Theory of that Series of My-teries.

BY STUART CUMBERLAND, "Thought-Reader to Europe's Crowned Heads," Occultist and Psychologist.

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS. On account of the resemblance existing between Evelyn Hardcastle and the latest victim of a series of murders which have started London, her goldfisher, Mr. Mansfield, presents her with a picture of the woman who was the victim of the last murder. The picture is a portrait of a woman who was the victim of the last murder. The picture is a portrait of a woman who was the victim of the last murder.

CHAPTER XIII. THE CURSE OF RAM DASS.

The same evening that Evelyn Hardcastle was recognized in the portrait of Ram Dass the likeness of the one who had attempted her life, and in the sketch of the dagger the weapon which had been aimed at her heart, Dr. Harvey received a translation of the letter.

per hazard lanet in. In no apna jadoo ke zor se mara hui rokhlaya!

Unki Jan, to ne buchala, purunhi muhe donon anas bigra. Gholam apna malik ko jadu dena hai. Na choti sidhe gaye tera futhe ne mujh ko karab keya.

Eh feringhee! malum, buchogee nahin ba moonbilla mare azeeyat, tera-dikh kaisa painee na hoga.

Jis malik ke Gholam main hoon kisse con men se jo unke kam men dukh hai, chorta nahin.

Main ke Ram Dass, chila ke hai choosha hoon—tuj per am tera loz per lanet ko surap hoonaisa rehta nahin.

The following is the English translation thereof:

THE NIGHT OF THE NEW MOON, Sept. 6, 18--.

Accursed—a thousand times be thou, O foreign Brother! By the Light! By the power of thy magic thou hast destroyed me body and soul literally, ruined me for this world and the next. For to my Master must I, his slave, make answer.

Nine times did I strike true, but thy victory hast undone me.

But O accursed one! thou shalt not escape. My tortures in comparison to what thou wilt suffer will be sweet.

The Master, whose slave I am, spares none who interferes with his work. By the power of I Ram Dass, the disciple of the Master, have

Eh feringhee!—be nam Bhaie-Ilochan kuli

*The asterisks denote passages which in their Eastern language are absolutely untranslatable.

spoken; and upon you and your people may my curses ever remain."

After this there could be no doubt that it was Ram Dass who had committed the nine murders and who had attempted to kill Miss Hardcastle.

He, it was argued, had in a fit of despair taken his own life after cursing Col. Mansfield for it was clear that the letter was intended for the Colonel; this was the finding of the jury at the adjourned inquest.

Ram Dass was buried in a pauper's grave. He had died without leaving a solitary sixpence behind, and his books and other few effects were seized by the landlady, to whom he was several pounds in debt.

Ram Dass's letter, although it proved him to have been the assassin, threw no light upon the motive for these atrocious crimes.

It was, in fact, to the general public as great a mystery as ever.

Who was this mysterious Master whose slave Ram Dass professed to be? People asked themselves.

The dagger claimed to be "the doer of the Master's will." But who was this Master and what was his will?

No satisfactory answer was given to these queries, and the wisest of men shook their heads in despair.

Col. Mansfield, every one said, was the only man who could throw any light upon the mystery, and he was still lying in a trance from which it was generally thought he would never awake.

One thing, public opinion—or rather that section of it which had rushed to condemn him—now veered round and protested that the gallant Colonel had been grossly misjudged.

Instead of being an associate of murderers and the member of a gang of modern thugs, he was a paragon of virtue. How, they argued, could he have been so wicked?

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